

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2017 1:30 PM

Present: Donna Amidon, Nancy Reis, Tony Webber, Russ Parker, Carol Taylor, Kevin Schoessow, Roseann M, Janet Mangold

Absent: Barb Boatman, Deb Studley, Vicki Gee-Treft, Sue Reinardy

“Foodscaping: Interspersing Edibles in the Ornamental Garden” is the AAS theme for 2017; we will use as basis for all gardens and programs this season

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order 1:35 pm
2. Meeting Minutes January 26, 2017
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously, available on NCMGA web site
3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Russ, on Barb’s behalf, reported no expenses submitted to date, and a balance of \$1181.02
4. Old Business
 - a. Level 1 training (March 7-May 30)
 - i. All NCMGVs encouraged to attend kick off March 7, 5:30 PM at SARS for welcome and pizza
 - ii. All NCMGVs encouraged to support this class of 13 Level 1 trainees; look for a signup – mentor, teach, share
 - iii. Kudos to Vicki and Sue for getting this class together!!
 - b. Julie Hustvet agreed to continue as our Editor!
 - c. Seed Starting
 - i. Expenses for seed of \$64.00, fewer seeds saved from LY
 - ii. Level 1 Trainees will plant tomatoes in April 4 class
 - d. May 20 Plant Sale update: Carol
 - i. Carol has a list of volunteer opportunities that she will share via email – please sign up, this is our big income generator of the year (last year over 3k)
 - e. April 1 Mini-Master Gardener update: Nancy
 - i. Held at Bashaw’s on Hwy 63, 8:30-11:30 AM
 - ii. Usually attended by 20-30 kids, plus parents (\$5/child)
 - iii. Ages range from 4-16, activities grouped by ages
 - iv. Nancy, Russ and Kevin will attend, all welcome to come

5. New Business:
 - a. AAS display garden “Foodscaping”
 - i. Kevin will relay our intent to participate
 - ii. Terrie Strand will be invited by Janet to lead design
 - iii. Tony recommended Food Shelf connection
 - iv. **Volunteers needed** – signup to be sent via email
 - b. Children’s Garden - \$250.00 grant received for hardscape
 - i. One design discussed is a circular garden with compass
 - ii. Other ideas will be sought – Russ is point person
 - iii. Planting and hardscape work concentrated end of May-early June
 - iv. Volunteers needed – signup will be sent out
 - c. Begin planning “Meet Me in the Garden” dates/topics for July and September
 - i. Sue will take the lead for a July 13 MMITG at 6:00 PM
 - ii. No September MMITG, possibly a fall seminar by Rob Bursik (Dragonfly), the Degners (Bashaw Valley)
 - d. Twilight Garden Tour: August 15 in the Teaching and Display Garden and immediate surroundings – tent necessary
 - i. Speakers to date are Brian Huddleston/PJ Leisch, likely Brian Smith – Nancy to contact Katrina from CSA
 - ii. Speakers will talk 15-20 min, take questions and mingle
 - iii. **Leaders needed for Speakers, Logistics, PR, Hospitality**
 - iv. Time frame 4:00 – 7:00 PM
 - e. Seed Packet giveaway with NCMGV info and UWEX logo sticker to get our name out – free seed to be solicited
 - f. Committee Leaders to date are:
 - i. Seed starting - Russ and Tony
 - ii. Plant Sale - Carol, Tony, Russ
 - iii. NCMGV newsletter – Julie Hustvet
 - iv. Member Handbook, MMITG and Web Site – Sue
 - v. Publicity – Kevin and others
 - vi. Education and Schools
 - vii. AAS Contest – hopefully Terrie Strand?
 - viii. Twilight Garden Tour – TBD
 - ix. Children’s Garden Project – Russ?

6. Educational Opportunities
 - a. UWEX offers impromptu quizzes for recertification credits – recently a quiz on raspberries counted for 2 hours
 - b. Level 1 Master Gardener Training
 - i. Education credits for conducting a class or leading sections of the training
 - c. Barron County Conference April 1 in Rice Lake
 - d. Kevin will be teaching apple pruning and grafting in Grantsburg March 30, another planned April 6 (different location)
 - e. UWEX Level 2 Soils and Compost begins March 1
7. To Do List
 - a. Email feed seed resources to Janet
 - b. Janet to check on seed packet stickers and UWEX requirements
 - c. Janet to recruit Terrie for AAS design
 - d. Janet to send out Volunteer Sign-Up sheet
 - e. Everyone seek volunteers for projects and Twilight Garden Tour
8. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM – good work everyone!

9. Next Meeting Date/Time: March 23, 1:30 PM at SARS

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